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CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #2-1

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TO: All Inspection Staff

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SUBJECT: HAND-HELD CANDLES IN PLACES OF ASSEMBLY
AND CHURCHES

CODE REFERENCE: 2000 MSFC Section 308.3.4, 308.3.6, (Exception 1.1)

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR."

Section 308.3.6 of the 2000 Uniform State Code states: "When, in the opinion of the chief, adequate safeguards have been taken, hand-held, flame-lighted candles may be permitted. Hand-held candles shall not be passed from one person to another while lighted."

Adequate safeguards required are as follows:

1. Lighted candles shall not be passed from one person to another. However, candles may be lit from one person to another.
2. Candles must be in holders which will prevent the wax from dripping on person's hands.
Paper or cardboard holders are acceptable.
3. A water or dry chemical fire extinguisher must be located in the room or in an accessible adjoining room.

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